

SENATE BILL 666
By Cooper J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-121(a)(2), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) The governor shall also appoint six (6) nonvoting members of the council: one (1) from local government, one (1) from an insurance company, two (2) health care providers and two (2) attorneys. The nonvoting local government representative shall be appointed from a list of three (3) names and submitted jointly by the Tennessee municipal league and the Tennessee county services association. The Tennessee municipal league and the Tennessee county services association may alternate recommendations between municipal and county representatives. The governor shall appoint the nonvoting insurance company member from either a list of three (3) names submitted by the Alliance of American Insurers or a list of three (3) names submitted by the American Insurance Association. The governor shall appoint one (1)

nonvoting health care provider member from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Medical Association. The governor shall also appoint one (1) nonvoting health care provider member from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Hospital Association. The governor shall appoint one (1) nonvoting attorney member from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association. The governor shall also appoint one (1) nonvoting attorney member from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Bar Association or from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association, none of whom shall primarily represent injured claimants. The Tennessee Bar Association and the Tennessee Defense Lawyers Association may alternate recommendations. The chair and vice chair of the special joint committee on workers' compensation, the commissioners of labor and workforce development and commerce and insurance or their designees, shall be ex officio, nonvoting members of the council.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.